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SUBJECT: CYPRUS ITEM AT UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MEETING IN GENEVA

REFS: A)USUN 150; B)STATE 13306; C)STATE 11305

1. HE AGREE WITH USUN (REF A) THAT U.S. SHOULD SUPPORT
APPEARANCE OF TURKISH CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVE BEFORE
COMMISSION WHEN IT CONSIDERS THE CYPRUS ITEM. ALTHOUGH
COMMISSION HAS NO SET PROCEDURE FOR HEARING REPRESENTATIVES
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OF ENTITIES OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED FOR IN THE ECOSOC
RULES OF PROCEDURE, THERE WOULD SEEM TO BE NOTHING TO
PREVENT IT FROM DECIDING TO INVITE TURKISH CYPRIOT
REPRESENTATIVES TO APPEAR. IF TURKMEN RAISE THIS
ISSUE AMBASSADOR YOUNG MAY CONVEY OUR INTENTION TO
SUPPORT SUCH AN INVITATION.

2. AMBASSADOR YOUNG SHOULD ALSO DRAW ON POINTS MADE BY COUNSELOR NIMETZ TO TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL REPORTED IN REF B ON THE BENEFICIAL EFFECT THAT TURKISH FLEXIBILITY ON THE MISSING PERSONS ISSUE COULD BE EXPECTED TO HAVE ON CONSIDERATION OF THE CYPRUS ITEM AT TH: GENEVA MEETING. THE MAIN POINT, OF COURSE, IS THAT UNLESS THE SMALL REMAINING ISSUES PREVENTING

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN RESOLVED, THE UNHRC WILL CERTAINLY TAKE UP THE CYPRUS ITEM AND THE DEBATE WILL BE UNPRODUCTIVE AND CONTENTIOUS. IT REMAINS OUR VIEW THAT THE INTERESTED CYPRUS PARTIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO WORK OUT AN ACCEPTABLE UNDERSTANDING ON THE REMAINING DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

3. IT IS TOO EARLY TO INDICATE WHAT POSITION WE MIGHT TAKE ON THE GENERAL QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CYPRUS AT GENEVA. THE MISSING PERSONS ISSUE IS ONE OF THE KEY ELEMENTS OF THE PREVIOUS UNHCR RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS, ALONG WITH "RETURN OF REFUGEES" AND "CHANGES IN THE DEMOGRAPHIC STRUCTURE OF CYPRUS".

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